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Charity no. 1081691

# **EASTSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST**

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**Report and Audited Financial Statements**

**31 March 2025**

## Eastside Community Trust

### Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 March 2025

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<b>Company number</b>	04023294	
<b>Charity number</b>	1081691	
<b>Registered office and operational address</b>	Easton Community Centre Kilburn Street Bristol BS5 6AW	
<b>Trustees</b>	Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows: Emmanuel Maunganidze      Chair Janet Adebimpe Ayeni      Appointed 25 October 2024 Ted Fowler Jon Fox Azmina Mitha Muna Mohamed Noelle Rumball Zoe Sheriff Jess Slack      Resigned 20 March 2025 Rosanna Wakefield	
<b>Senior Management Team</b>	Stacy Yelland Tom Williams Becky Whitmore Sam Anders Ollie Fournier	Chief Executive Officer Deputy CEO Communications Manager Centre Manager Adventure Play Manager
<b>Bankers</b>	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent, ME19 4JQ  Flagstone Group Ltd 1st Floor, Clareville House 26-27 Oxendon Street London, SW1Y 4EL Essex, CM13 3BE	
<b>Auditors</b>	Godfrey Wilson Limited Chartered accountants and statutory auditors 5th Floor Mariner House 62 Prince Street Bristol, BS1 4QD	

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The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective from January 2019).

#### **Foreword from our interim chair, Rosanna Wakefield**

“The end of 2024/25 marked the 5-year anniversary of Eastside Community Trust\* and I am extremely proud that over that time, and in particular in the last year, not only has Eastside Community Trust maintained the high quality of activities we deliver for and with the community but we have also increased the provision and strengthened the organisation. In the last year, the financial sustainability of the organisation has continued to improve, with traded income from space rental increasing, and fundraising remaining strong such that we have been able to increase the opening hours of Easton Community Centre and provide a programme of wellbeing activities.

Being an inclusive, welcoming, and supportive community focused organisation in Easton and Lawrence Hill is more important than ever with day-to-day life continuing to be a challenge for many residents. 2024/25 saw a year of local and general elections, the cost of living continuing to rise, and events around the world affecting many people in the neighbourhood. Eastside Community Trust has continued to play a vital role in encouraging community cohesion through events such as the Women’s Night Socials and the Roma Cultural Day; in empowering local people to build a happy and healthy neighbourhood through activities such as the community climate action; and supporting people’s wellbeing through sessions such as breathwork and youth nights. Providing healthy food to the community has remained a core part of our work with 13,000 meals provided at Felix Road Adventure Playground and the launch of the new cafe, Ababo’s Cuisine at Easton Community Centre.

At this important milestone we felt it was important to look back on what’s gone well and what could have gone better so we commissioned two reports – an evaluation of our work, and a governance review. From these we were delighted to hear that local people and partners really value the work of Eastside Community Trust and that our governance is good, reflected also in the quotes and case studies in this report. There’s always room for improvement however, so we’ll be considering our geographical priority areas and building meaningful partnerships across Easton and Lawrence Hill. We’ll be reviewing the role of community development and exploring how our residents can participate, belong and help bring about positive change for everyone, and we’ll be continuing to focus on equity, diversity and inclusion initiatives. We’ll also be seeking to better measure the performance of our board of trustees.

Thank you to all the residents, partners, staff, and supporters for getting involved in the last year. We’ll be launching our new strategy in early 2025/26 and we look forward to working with you to bring it to life.”

\*Following the merger of Easton Community Centre, Felix Road Adventure Playground and Up Our Street.

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#### **Vision and objectives**

##### **Our vision is a place where communities thrive**

Eastside Community Trust is a community focused organisation which provides people of all ages with places and ways to connect. We are passionate about our community and helping local people build a healthy and happy neighbourhood. We are a charity and a limited company with paid staff and a voluntary board of trustees.

##### **Our neighbourhood**

As a charity we cover the wards of Easton and Lawrence Hill. In practice our work is centred on our community venues and the neighbourhood residential streets and high-rise blocks that surround them.

##### **Our values**

- We collaborate;
- We listen;
- We are kind;
- We celebrate;
- We experiment;
- We are fun and playful;
- We are honest; and
- We make decisions with equality, diversity and inclusion and environmental sustainability at the heart of what we do.

##### **Objectives**

- Children have the freedom to play, be healthy and be part of the local community;
- Communities will be informed, connected and feel a sense of belonging where they live;
- Provide inclusive, accessible, sustainable projects and places which improve people's wellbeing; and
- A well run, resilient community anchor organisation which is respected and trusted by the local community.

##### **How we will achieve our objectives**

Children will have the freedom to play, be healthy and be part of the local community.

- By providing an open access playground we will increase physical activity in childhood;
- By providing trusted playworkers and digital free play spaces we will improve mental health in childhood;
- We will offer opportunities to take part in quality play experiences; and
- By providing meals we will reduce childhood food poverty.

Communities will be informed, connected and feel a sense of belonging and where they live.

- We publish regular content which keeps residents informed about local life;
- We provide opportunities for residents to connect to city decision making; and
- We host events which give residents a sense of belonging to where they live.

Provide inclusive, accessible and sustainable projects and places which improve people's wellbeing.

- We run events which increase social cohesion and community connections among neighbours;
- We model best practice in climate change resilience;
- We provide signposting and support residents to know where they can access the help they need; and
- We reduce social isolation in the community by running an open access community centre.

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A well run, resilient community anchor organisation which is respected and trusted by the local community:

- We will be seen as an excellent employer;
- We are well governed by our trustees;
- We are an excellent steward of community assets;
- We are involved in relevant citywide networks;
- We are financially resilient with a robust business plan;
- We can demonstrate our impact with qualitative and quantitative data;
- We have a focus on equity, diversity and inclusion with an action plan;
- We are successful at partnership working; and
- We have a well-managed, engaged and active resident membership.

#### **What we do**

##### **Easton Community Centre**

An open access community centre with a café, private hires, a programme of events and tenant organisations. It has been a community centre since 1989 as a Community Asset Transfer from Bristol City Council – the council own the centre but we have a 30 year lease (2017-2047) to manage it.

##### **Felix Road Adventure Playground**

An open access adventure playground with additional partner activities and private hires outside opening hours and universal and targeted sessions.

##### **Food at Felix**

A kitchen at the playground serving food for children.

##### **Up Our Street**

A multi-channel community communication programme.

##### **Eastside People and Places**

Community development and social action focused on connection, climate change and active citizenship.

##### **Connected Cohesive Communities**

An annual programme of events to foster community cohesion and increase social connections.

##### **Community Anchor**

Strategic role as a change maker and community anchor hosting and enabling social action of other organisations and citizens.

#### **Our achievements in 2024/2025**

##### **Easton Community Centre**

We run **Easton Community Centre**, a busy centre open to the public six days week and available for private hire seven days a week. In the year 2024/25, the four permanent tenants of the community centre were Houria CIC (replaced later by Ababo Cuisine), BCfm, Raised in Bristol and St Paul's Advice Centre. The centre hosted a rich and vibrant programme of regular and ad-hoc community activities.

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In 2024/25 we developed two new offers for local people. We opened to the public on Saturdays with a rotating programme of family friendly activities. We also established an ongoing programme of free or low cost activities focused on mental and physical wellbeing (supported by Quartet and Bristol City Council to improve access to services for residents struggling with their mental health).

Examples of these two initiatives include a repair café, lego club, family arts and crafts, chair yoga, tai chi, colouring club, two weekly stay and play groups, book club, sewing group, nutrition drop-in, menopause support group, circuits class, breathing class, peer-led coffee mornings and a bereavement group. We also developed a partnership with Come the Revolution to screen feature films at the centre.

We have also increased our efforts to respond more effectively to the rise in the number of homeless and vulnerable people accessing Easton Community Centre. This includes signposting, other forms of support, or just providing a warm and welcoming place to spend time. Our front-of-house team has received enhanced training on the available support services as well as developing partnerships to offer drop-in advice sessions from the centre. These include Citizens Advice Bristol, St Paul's Advice Centre and Housing Matters.

#### Tenants

We have been working closely with our tenants at the community centre to ensure an inclusive and supportive environment for staff and visitors.

Raised in Easton Nursery reached full capacity, and we were thrilled to receive our first £20,000 in profit share donation from the parent CIC, Raised In.

BCfm radio continued delivering high quality, volunteer-led, inclusive programming. BCfm also partnered with Decadance, another community station, to increase access to the studio spaces at the centre.

Somali Kitchen CIC returned to the community centre once a new space became available and grew the capacity of their female empowerment organisation, and Bristol Somali Youth Voice took on a permanent office space within the building.

St Paul's Advice Centre moved out after just 12 months due to changing circumstances but we are excited to welcome new tenants, Bristol Disability Equality Forum, who moved in May 2025.

After hosting Houria CIC as our cafe until July 2024, the small CIC decided to take a break and closed the café. While we waited to find a suitable new partner we continued to provide free hot drinks. In November 2024 we welcomed Ababo Cuisine to the centre. Ababo Cuisine was a small family-run catering business looking for a base and with support from Nisbet Trust we were able to fit out the space and support them with core start-up costs. Since November they have been going from strength to strength and provide a warm and tasty heart to the centre.

#### Felix Road Adventure Playground

We run **Felix Road Adventure Playground** six days a week with private sessions out of those opening hours. The playground has been at the heart of the community since 1972 giving children freedom to play and be themselves. The playground has a **community kitchen** which serves daily homecooked meals and hosts a Raised in Bristol nursery on site. We run the playground on a 30-year asset transfer lease (2019-2049) from the council.

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In 2024/25 we used core play funding from Bristol City Council to contribute towards delivering four specific sessions as part of the council's commitment to play in Lawrence Hill and Easton:

- Open access play at Felix Road after school from Mondays to Thursdays;
- A group for girls from the Roma community in partnership with City Academy focused on food and play on Tuesdays;
- A group for boys from the Roma community in partnership with City Academy on Tuesdays; and
- A girl's-only play session on Fridays.

The playground also benefitted from a number of partnership initiatives, including:

- LifeCycle, who run a weekly bike maintenance session, group rides and use of bikes during open access play sessions; and
- DigiLocal, who run a weekly girl's coding club.

We continue to run trips off site during school holidays, including a family coach trip to the beach.

#### **Youth sessions (Wavey Nights)**

Since 2022 we have been running a weekly evening session for young people age 13-16 at the playground to help fill a gap in local youth provision. With funding from the National Lottery Million Hours programme we were able to increase this offer to two nights a week. Sessions began at The Pickle Factory and were delivered in partnership with Freestyle CIC and have since been moved to the playground. We recruited a local person, Shaniem Biggs as a Senior Youth Worker. Shaniem grew up in Easton and played at the playground when she was a child herself so brings lots of great local knowledge. She has built a strong team that is representative of the local community, taking the sessions from strength to strength.

#### **Food at Felix**

During 2024/25 we continued our offer of a meal for all children at the playground. Our Kitchen Coordinator, Nirmal Singh, served over 13,000 meals in the year. Nirmal is a food champion having completed training with Feeding Bristol. We took part in a local Shaping Places Shaping Healthier Lives programme looking at increasing awareness of cooking skills and nutrition among young people accessing the playground.

We continued our partnership with the local organisation Family Food Action who provide weekly donations of fresh ingredients. We have also remained an important provider of the Department of Education's Holiday Activity Fund with our high quality food offer during school holidays.

#### **Eastside People and Places**

We support **community action** through projects run by and with local people. These include family and wellbeing activities in our spaces, a community climate action programme, a place making project, food and cooking projects and an annual programme of community meetings and events.

Our Community Climate Action programme focused on delivering:

- Warm home champions workshops skilling up local people on how to reduce energy consumption at home;
- Climate leadership programme engaging a diverse cohort of community leaders in climate issues;
- Climate communications and raising awareness of climate issues through films and printed materials;
- Trips and events to increase local people's awareness and skills around climate issues; and
- Participation in citywide strategic bodies leading on climate issues.

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This work has been delivered in partnership with Bristol Energy Network and Bristol Climate and Nature Partnership.

Additionally in 2024/25, we were one of three community organisations in partnership with Bristol City Council and Centre for Sustainable Energy delivering the Transforming Energy Together programme. This is a £100,000 investment into supporting local communities' work towards a future net zero neighbourhood. Our engagement worker has been consulting local people and working with experts to develop investable projects that will form part of a regional portfolio for how neighbourhoods can become carbon neutral over the next decade. As part of the programme we have delivered a series of talks on key issues like retrofitting, energy and wildlife.

We maintained our support to local Councillors in engaging residents in issues impacting on the neighbourhood by hosting community meetings including a focus on housing issues.

Our Community Connector is a local parent, Abiir Shirdoon. Abiir spent the year out and about networking with residents and groups, linking them to our work, to each other and to useful resources to help them achieve their goals. In particular this year Abiir worked alongside:

- Friends of Rawnsley House residents to establish a group and campaign for better play equipment;
- Litter picks in the local area;
- Pop up stalls;
- Owen Square Parky Pals;
- Members social events;
- Christmas carols; and
- Lansdown Court fun day.

#### **Up Our Street**

We deliver a wide ranging communications programme to share information, inspire and celebrate our community. This includes a fortnightly ebuletin, a website, social media, a quarterly printed magazine delivered to 14,000 households and 30 community notice boards.

We continued our fortnightly bulletin to over 2,000 subscribers and we developed our Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn accounts to reach even more people.

We produced a fantastic Freedom Kids Podcast with our podcast producer on what children eat after school to raise awareness of food poverty in childhood.

This year we worked with local creatives to support with the editing of our quarterly magazine Up Our Street which was delivered locally and available online. The magazine aims to celebrate the neighbourhood and its people.



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##### **Connected cohesive communities**

We continue to run a programme of social action and cultural events throughout the year. In the 2024/25 year some highlights have included:

- Seed swap to promote sharing and climate change awareness;
- Women's night socials at Easton Community Centre (buraanbur Somali dance, Bollywood, Arabic Night);
- International Women's Day;
- Roma Cultural Day at Felix Road;
- Parties for Eid, Diwali and Christmas;
- Vibes and Ventures event during Black History Month to celebrate the African-Caribbean community's connection to Felix Road Adventure Playground;
- Fun Palaces community family fun day; and
- School uniform and winter coat giveaways.

##### **Stapleton Road High Streets project**

We finished our creative project aimed at promoting Stapleton Road as a shopping destination. We delivered a range of co-produced arts projects which culminated in a street event. There is a new mural and some lamppost banners celebrating local women who have made a difference on the street.

##### **Community food**

We were grateful to receive funding from the Household Support Fund via Feeding Bristol which contributed to our food offer at the adventure playground but also allowed us to deliver:

- Three community meals for 150 people in partnership with Carib-Asian Cookery, Ababo Cuisine and Evergreen Academy; and
- Supermarket vouchers for 42 extremely vulnerable families living in poverty.

##### **Small grant fund**

This year we ran our annual small grant programme for residents wanting to organise an event in their community. The fund comes from our Endowment Fund held with Quartet Community Foundation and we set aside approximately £10,000 to give out in grants of £500. In 2024/25 we gave out £8,000 to 17 residents/groups.

##### **Thank You Awards**

We delivered our flagship annual event to celebrate over 50 local heroes who go above and beyond to improve the local community. Over 200 people attended the annual celebration, run in conjunction with our Annual General Meeting, and enjoyed this unique event in the city's social calendar.

##### **Community anchor**

We are **landlord** to four retail units in Barton Hill, all small businesses run by families from different ethnic communities. These facilitate the generation of traded income that fund the charity's activities.

##### **Roots of Resilience**

Together with partners we have been leading a campaign to highlight the value of community spaces and advocate for a review of the Community Asset Transfer process. This has included reaching out to elected members and PR work to raise awareness.

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##### **Food Equality Strategy**

We have been a founding member of Feeding Bristol's alliance of organisations working to end food poverty and champion equality in food.

##### **Community hub**

We remain an active and engaged member of Bristol City Council's community hub network leading community-led solutions and responding to emerging issues.

##### **Business network**

We joined Bristol 247 Better Business Network to promote our social enterprise services and increase our network of organisations outside of the local neighbourhood.

##### **One City Homes and Communities Board**

Our CEO, Stacy Yelland, was a member of this citywide strategic body that seeks to address key challenges in a cross-sector approach.

##### **East Central Youth and Play Alliance**

We remained an active member in the local and citywide play networks.

##### **Partnerships**

This year we have worked closely with a number of organisations to deliver our aims. We acted as a fund holder for smaller organisations or the lead applicant in partnership bids for funding, in particular:

- Somali Kitchen - £30,000 per annum over four years from Bristol Impact Fund;
- Trinity Community Arts - £15,000 per annum over four years from Bristol Impact Fund;
- Bristol Somali Resource Centre - £25,000 per annum (plus uplift) from UK Shared Prosperity
- Bloy Street residents - £17,000 from CIL funds;
- Owen Square residents - £20,000 from CIL funds;
- Freestyle CIC - £4,000 from Lottery Million Hours youth sessions;
- Houria CIC - £5,000 from Nisbet Trust for café development; and
- Ababo Cuisine - £18,000 from Nisbet Trust for café development.

##### **Staff changes**

In 2024/25 we said goodbye to a core member of staff as our Communications Manager, Becky Whitmore left after serving five years with the organisation. Following this we recruited some new staff ready for the 2025/26 year including a new Communications Manager, a Caretaker and Playworkers. The chair of Eastside since 2020 stood down in March 2025 and the board is in the process of recruiting some new board members in 2025/26.

Our treasurer, Jess Slack, stood down from the board in March 2025 and Janet Adebimpe Ayeni was recruited to replace her. Janet is a management accountant who had been connected to the organisation as a frequent visitor to the community centre. Jess oversaw an induction process with Janet and Janet became the Treasurer of the charity at its AGM in October 2024.

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##### Impact and achievements – 2024/25 year in numbers

1,820 hours of youth and playwork	728 activities, events or sessions
200 resident members recruited	13,000 free hot meals served
42,000 Up Our Street magazines delivered	2,400 children visited playground
300+ adults engaged in an activity	52,000 visits to our buildings

##### In focus – summer holidays at Felix Road Adventure Playground

Number of sessions: 33  
Number of open access sessions: 26  
Number of different children: 1,098  
Number of total attendances: 2,510  
Average attendance per open access session: 89  
Number of children who attended 5 times or more: 125  
Number of children who attended 10 times or more: 42  
Number of children who are confirmed FSM eligible: 115  
Number of attendances by children who are confirmed FSM eligible: 737

Ethnic breakdown of 100 most regular attenders: 28% East African, 15% British Caribbean, 14% Mixed British, 13% Kurdish, 8% West African, 7% Roma, 7% South Asian, 7% White British, 1% Other.

Gender breakdown of 100 most regular attenders: 55% male, 45% female.

##### Independent evaluation 2024

In 2024 we commissioned an external evaluation of the organisation and its activities since 2020. The findings were a ringing endorsement of our work, the organisation and its staff. The merger was unanimously seen as a huge success by participants, and crucial for ensuring the survival of the three original charities. Eastside is now seen to be thriving with high satisfaction ratings, strong governance, and stable finances. We are in a healthy position to develop and enhance our long-term impact in Easton and Lawrence Hill.

What we learned from the people who participated in the evaluation:

- Eastside's two buildings, Felix Road and Easton Community Centre, had been transformed by the merger and were always safe and welcoming;
- Good leadership meant the organisation was trusted and responsive to local issues and was now more resilient and efficient than it had been before the merger;
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion were at the core of what Eastside does well;
- Eastside was providing or facilitating a wide range of activities, for all needs and ages, and that these were having a real impact on people's health, wellbeing, sense of belonging and connection;
- Distributing digital and non-digital community information to residents through the Up Our Street magazine, ebulletins, community notice boards and displays at the community centre were highly valued; and
- Our work during the Covid pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis received particular praise, and the organisation was recognised for the many impactful partnerships around advice, guidance and referrals it supported.

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##### How do we measure success?

In 2025 we commissioned an independent governance review of the organisation that identified measures the board can take to self-evaluate and to ensure that the charity is delivering to its objectives. The report concluded overall that the organisation had a huge amount to celebrate and commend it especially in times that are tough for charities everywhere. The chair of the board will be using the recommendations to continue our development as an organisation. To measure success of our delivery we use the following tools:

- Annual feedback surveys from staff, members, partners and trustees;
- Monthly team meetings with reflective practice embedded in our approach;
- Data tally (counting activities and attendances);
- Individual participant log (number of unique children and adults who engage with us);
- Evaluation survey (asked after every event and activity to measure impact);
- Member events;
- Case studies; and
- Periodic independent evaluation (at least once every three years).

##### Investing in our assets

We currently are responsible for a number of community and commercial assets:

- Easton Community Centre on a 30-year Community Asset Transfer lease from the council;
- Landlord to Raised in Easton nursery within Easton Community Centre;
- Landlord to Raised in Felix Road in our bespoke nursery building on the grounds of Felix Road Adventure Playground;
- Felix Road Adventure Playground on a 30-year Community Assets Transfer lease from the council; and
- Four retail units (180-186 Avonvale Road) on a 999-year lease from Sovereign Housing Association.

Work completed in 2024/25 includes:

- Thanks to £70,000 in Community Infrastructure Levy funding from Bristol City Council we were able to replace our broken lift at Easton Community Centre. The original lift was installed in 1989 and was non-compliant with current regulations. We had a completely new lift installed which meets current DDA regulations;
- We invested over £5,000 in creating a new entrance for Raised in Easton nursery to support our energy efficiency strategy within the community centre;
- We spent £8,000 on new double glazed windows in the community centre main hall;
- We invested approx. £10,000 in audio visual equipment and professional lighting in the main hall at the community centre to increase the quality of the space and attraction to potential hirers;
- We have spent approx. £30,000 in works to repair the ground source heat pumps at Easton Community Centre to produce reliable heat and prevent frequent breakdowns; and
- Thanks to funding Bristol City Council Asset Management Grant we commissioned gcp Architects to develop an investment and management plan for the community centre including designs for upgrading toilet facilities. We plan to fundraise for this in the 2025/26 year.

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##### Making our assets available

As well as using our assets to generate income we also recognise they can support others to increase their impact. We offer free or discounted hire to a number of various organisations and individuals with similar objectives. We received funding in partnership with Bristol Somali Resource Centre from UK Shared Prosperity Fund to offer this support. Some of these partnerships remain into the 2025/26 year:

- Bristol Autism Project receives discounted venue hire of Felix Road Adventure Playground for a weekly youth club and a school holiday family club;
- KHAAS receives discounted venue hire of Felix Road Adventure Playground for a monthly play session for disabled children of Asian heritage;
- Project Mama received free and discounted hire for their weekly Mama Hub group providing a meal and social space for refugee mothers with babies; and
- Threefold Theatre received discounted venue hire of Easton Community Centre for their youth theatre group.

##### Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

We are incredibly proud that our commitment to EDI work was recognised throughout our external evaluation. Over the past five years we have embedded a culture of inclusive practice throughout the organisation in our attitudes and behaviours using the following statement of intent:

*We are engaged with our community and people. To be engaged everyone must feel included and valued. Therefore, we will strive to build and nurture a culture where inclusiveness is a reflex not an initiative. There will be a deep sense of pride, passion and belonging that is our basic culture. We are unified in our shared commitment to excellence, innovation and social responsibility. We know through experience that different ideas, perspectives and backgrounds create stronger and more creative environments that deliver better results.*

As part of our 2025-2028 strategy, we have selected four key objectives as a focus for our EDI work with each objective having a corresponding set of actions that will be regularly reviewed at board level:

- We will work towards our staff and board reflecting the diverse ethnic communities we represent at all levels of the organisation;
- We will combat the rise in racism and Islamophobia by championing the diversity of our neighbourhood and bringing different people together to promote community cohesion;
- We will invest in our community venues to increase their accessibility for disabled children and adults; and
- We will prioritise safe and engaging spaces for women and girls to socialise.

##### Case studies

This case study explores the deep impact that a welcome space offering community connection can have on the lives of those who use it.

A Phoenix comes to Easton Community Centre everyday Monday to Saturday as for her it is a community health solution. "I really like the community centre. It's a safe space for me to come during the day. It's very friendly and sociable. People can come here and talk about their problems and personal issues. If something can be done then the staff are really helpful."

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"I had a very difficult childhood. I was an orphan in Spain and I was adopted but it didn't go well." A who is 58 has been living in the UK for 33 years. "In my 20's I hitch-hiked out of Spain and I lived in France and Belgium before squatting in London. I tried living in Brighton, Bath and Glastonbury before ending up in a women's refuge in Bristol. I was working in a fish and chip shop in Brighton, but I had to stop because of my health."

A has really complex physical and mental health problems. She has twice been sectioned and placed in a psychiatric hospital and has to take daily medication and have an injection every 3 months which really helps. "I like living on my own, I don't want to live with other people, I tried living in a shared house but it was really bad." A talks about day to day urban survival, how being homeless and on the street during the day it is easy to slip into Class A drugs and a negative mindset. She lives in a one-bedroom flat managed by a housing association but currently has no electricity as financially it was a choice between food and electricity. "I really like coming to Easton Community Centre, it keeps me safe from the street. I can chat with Eastside staff, meet my support worker, use the computers to check the news or my Facebook page and food is much cheaper in this area than where I live."

"My health issues have stopped me doing so many things, taking medication every day stops my social life. The community centre gives me a chance to just be myself.....with no expectation on me from anyone. I have decided to do a breathing and meditation course at the community centre. I'm really interested in Buddhism, it helps me deal with other people and improve myself as a person."

Easton Community Centre managed by Eastside Community Trust continues to be a sanctuary for people dealing with serious trauma and adverse childhood experiences. It is an inclusive space where people can connect, find support and rebuild their lives. This community space promotes and provides the social mixing that A and other socially isolated people appreciate. "Every town or neighbourhood should have a community centre like this one, where people can connect and find the support they need. I couldn't find the help I needed in Brighton but I found it in Bristol."

Azmina Mitha is a trustee of Eastside Community Trust and the Family Support Coordinator at City Academy.

"I really enjoy being a trustee of Eastside. I think it is so important that women are in decision making positions in their communities. When Stacy asked me to be a trustee I was like why me? To begin with, it felt like the other trustees were talking a different language, but slowly I tuned into the issues that they were discussing, and I realised I did have something to say. I know Stacy really values my contributions now and I have so much admiration for her. You have to be a brave person to stand up and make difficult decisions in communities, there is always drama and backlash, but I really enjoy being part of the Eastside trustee team and the challenges and problem solving that brings."

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Azmina was born in Easton and has lived here all her life. "My parents are Asians from East Africa. My father came to the UK escaping from Idi Amin in Uganda and my mother came to study at university. I had a very dynamic upbringing, my parents had a successful video shop renting out Bollywood movies, hence my interest in Bollywood music and teaching Bollywood dance at the Community Centre now. We were a very modern Asian family in Easton, we were very business minded, my uncle started Sweet Mart on St Marks Road. I had an amazing childhood, we were reasonably well off, I went to private school and I could speak 7 languages."

"When I left school I went to university in Gloucestershire to study business management and combined studies that included youth work. The totally amazing Simi Choudhry at the Asian women's charity Awaz Utaoh 'raise your voice' took me under her wing. Simi was a friend of the family and she saw me as her protégé and was determined to push me. Simi was a hugely dedicated and influential figure in Bristol's voluntary sector, devoting her life to improving services for Bristol's South Asian community, including a multi-faith youth service, the first Asian youth festival – the Mela in Eastville Park, an Asian radio show and a day centre for elderly Asian people."

The next chapter in Azmina's life involved setting up Bristol's first Saturday supplementary schools at City of Bristol College and City Academy to raise attainment for BAME students. Azmina became head teacher of a supplementary school for 100 students and did that groundbreaking role for 10 years. "I realised to raise attainment I had to recruit teachers from the same backgrounds as the students and that parents also had to turn up for meetings. These two things were non-negotiable. The focus was very much on students heritage and identity as well as English and Maths."

"I love being part of a charity that is so connected to my family and my neighborhood. I remember when the Community Centre was built, there was a lot of Asian focused activity then, including sewing, cards and carrom. My uncle had a big wedding at the Community Centre, it was so packed you couldn't breathe! Good times!"

#### **Resident and partner quotes**

"Eastside Community Trust is a fantastic anchor organisation for Easton. I often hold it up as an exemplar when talking to partners across Bristol about what local organisations can achieve for and with their communities. It manages two community assets extremely well. I've seen the Trust transform Easton Community Centre over recent years to respond to successive challenges - first as a vital space for promoting public health and helping people access vital support during the Covid pandemic, and latterly as a buzzy, welcoming place of safety, warmth and trust for a community buffeted by economic crisis and austerity."

"A feeling of trust in the neighbourhood, fostering greater respect for other members of the community. We bring different communities together who might not otherwise meet and we let people know of other ways they can connect. People in the community are mentally and physically stronger and more resilient. They are aware that other people "have their backs" and that we can all come together as a community of humans, supporting each other."

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"Treating all members of the local community equally and meeting them on their own terms. Communicating information to the public about things that will enhance their life locally, from signposting for vital help, to telling them about local entertainment and employment opportunities. We give everyone the opportunity to get involved in the community without shaming those who might not have the capacity to give more time and energy than they can. We provide this by gently enforcing an ecology of mutual respect between everyone. And if people want the opportunity to get more involved, those opportunities are there."

"Lots of positive outreach with the local community and creates a very welcoming and open access space. There is a wide range of diverse individuals and groups who access both the community centre and the playground, and a great range of activities and initiatives to reach all corners of the local community."

"When we want to know what's going on in the neighbourhood we ask Eastside. If we want to reach out into the community - Eastside. We know that Eastside will give us honest feedback about our own organisation and will help us shape our future plans in ways which respect and involve local people."

"Eastside Community Trust has a real presence in the local communities in Bristol, through its physical spaces as well as through its reach. Serving as both a community resource hub, funding provider and community connector is essential in local communities, especially during the past several years through the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 and the cost-of-living crisis on certain communities."

"[The charity] responds sensitively and practically to the presenting needs of ECC users. Is compassionate towards staff and service users. Involves the local community in local issues. Acts according to its values."

"I think Eastside is really good at engaging with a very diverse group of residents, from babies to 80+ years, all sorts of races, religions and backgrounds. It manages to get really good attendance at its groups, events and sessions, which other community centres struggle with. They are also an excellent employer with thorough training and wellbeing plans for staff in place."

"I think Eastside Community Trust offers a hub to the community, provides opportunities for local residents to connect, do new things and meets their needs. It provides breathing space, space to play, explore and reduce social isolation. It also offers very useful and practical services (such as low cost meeting spaces) which we have regularly used. I have seen how it uses knowledge and insight developed through this connection to community to advocate within wider civic initiatives on behalf and in favour of the many communities operating in the area's needs."

"Eastside is great in connecting residents to citywide opportunities and provide them with strong voices to influence strategic decision. They also provide a welcoming community centre and a very vibrant youth playground."



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#### Structure, governance and management

##### Charitable objectives

The Company serves the wards of Easton and Lawrence Hill, particularly the neighbourhoods of Easton, Lawrence Hill, Old Market, St Judes, Newtown, Whitehall, Greenbank, Redfield, The Dings and Barton Hill. The objects for which the Charity is established are:

- Advancement of citizenship and community development through the promotion of civic participation, volunteering, and community capacity building;
- Provision of community services and facilities with the objective of inspiring agency, connecting people, creating opportunities and improving the condition of life for residents; and
- Specifically provide services and facilities, including an adventure playground, for children and young people:
  - of which such children and young people have need by reason of their age or social and economic circumstances; and which will improve the conditions of childhood for such children and young people by promoting their health and wellbeing.

##### Role of trustees

The board of trustees are elected by the members to oversee the delivery of the charity's aims and objectives in accordance with the constitution. Day to day responsibility and accountability for managing the charity is delegated to the CEO and Senior Management Team with governance and oversight from the trustee board. The trustees must make sure that everything the charity does helps to achieve the purposes for which it is set up, and no other purpose. This means trustees should:

- ensure they understand the charity's purposes as set out in its governing document;
- plan what the charity will do, and what they want it to achieve;
- be able to explain how all of the charity's activities are intended to further or support its purposes; and
- understand how the charity benefits the public by carrying out its purpose.

The board has a scheme of delegation which passes some decision making responsibilities on to sub-committees illustrated below:

Eastside Community Trust Governance Structure		
Strategic Board		
Meeting at least four times a year		
Finance Sub Committee		People Sub Committee
Meets four times a year		Meets four times a year

##### Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the trustees are elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting. Any trustee not re-elected will be deemed to have resigned from the Board.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 7 to the accounts.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the CEO and, in accordance with the charity's conflict of interest policy, withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

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##### **Trustee induction and training**

New trustees undergo orientation to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the charity commission guidance on public benefit, content of the memorandum and articles of association, the committee and decision-making processes and the strategic plan. During the induction they meet key employees and other trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

##### **Remuneration of key management personnel**

Remuneration is determined by the board with incremental rises and inflationary rises reviewed annually.

- 2023-2024 – a 10% pay rise was awarded to all staff in recognition of high inflation;
- 2024-2025 - the charity implemented a new banding structure to increase the management team from three to five and ensure the lowest pay scale was above Real Living Wage (freeze on inflationary and incremental rises); and
- 2025-2026 – a 3% cost of living rise was awarded.

##### **Risk management**

The organisation has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and this is monitored by the CEO and the board of trustees. A risk register has been established and is reviewed at each quarterly Strategic Board meeting. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects.

##### **Health and safety**

The organisation has outsourced Health and Safety advice to Aversure and has conducted independent fire and health and safety risk assessments and reports to ensure compliance with regulations and ensuring the health and safety of employees and visitors.

##### **Fraud update**

In 2021 during our audit it was uncovered that our Finance Manager, Tracy Parsons, had been defrauding the charity for a number of years. This was disclosed in our accounts and immediately reported to the police and to the Charity Commission as a serious incident. On 10 October 2023, Tracy Parsons received a custodial sentence of two years and eight months.

Since discovery of the fraud, Eastside Community Trust has undergone a period of review of its finance processes and made a number of significant improvements. The bookkeeping has been outsourced to an independent management accountancy firm and the Finance Sub Committee of the board has increased scrutiny and oversight of the day to day finances as well as the longer term strategic management of the organisation's finances.

On 17 October 2023 we received confirmation from the Charity Commission that the case was closed. In March 2024 we received notice from the Crown Prosecution Service that they had approved our claim for compensation and the sum of £117,262.65 was repaid to us in full in November 2024.

##### **Governing document**

Eastside Community Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The charity officially changed its name on 12 September 2020 following a charity merger. It is registered under charity number 1081691 and company number 04023294.

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##### **Financial review**

This has been a positive year financially for Eastside Community Trust as we reach the fifth year since our merger in 2020. We continued to focus on diversification of our income both from grant fundraising but also increasing our traded income from space rental. We continued to raise funds and use self-generated income to invest in the physical assets run by the charity as a core part of our charitable activity. The increase in income enabled the charity to deliver more of its activities including increased opening hours of our spaces.

##### **Principal funding source**

Our principal funding source in 2024/25 was from grants and trusts with the remaining being made up from self-generated income from our leases and short term hires, communications and advertising, food sales and consultancy.

##### **Fundraising**

The charity predominantly fundraises from trust, foundations and statutory sources. The charity contracts a freelance fundraiser to raise money specifically from small trusts and foundations. Fundraising is carried out by the CEO and Deputy CEO. Neither the charity nor anyone working for the charity has subscribed to any fundraising standards. No complaints have been received regarding the charity's fundraising activities. Aside from a donation page on the charity website, the charity does not overtly fundraise from members of the public.

##### **Asset policy**

Individual assets costing £2,500 or more are capitalised at cost. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset over the useful life of that asset. Electrical items are deemed to have a useful life of four years and depreciated at 20% each year.

##### **Investment policy**

Under the memorandum and articles of association, the charity has the power to make any investments that the trustees see fit. Having considered the options available, the trustees decided to invest reserves in fixed term bonds. The trustees consider the overall return on investments and deposits together.

##### **Public benefit statement**

The trustees have complied with their duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

##### **Reserves policy**

Reserves are categorised into two main headings: restricted and unrestricted.

1. Restricted funds – funds received under a restriction applied by the donor to spend on a particular activity as defined in contractual terms and agreements; and
2. Unrestricted funds – in order to ensure the continuing health of Eastside Community Trust, invest in new assets, provide a working balance to help cushion the impact of uneven cash flows, avoid unnecessary borrowing and meet our contractual obligations in the event of termination of contracts.

The board is responsible for ensuring the adequacy of unrestricted reserves when it sets the budget for the next financial year. The reserves policy is reviewed at least annually and at any other time the board considers appropriate.

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Eastside Community Trust has adopted a tiered approach to set a minimum level of unrestricted reserves:

1. The Finance Sub Committee identifying cash flow risks for service delivery and repayment of loans;
2. Identifying specific liabilities that might require readily available cash in worst case scenarios in our risk register; and
3. Allowing for investment in major projects if applicable.

The charity holds reserves for the following reasons and has set the following targets:

#### **Staff contingency reserve - £200,000**

To cover costs arising from sick leave or other enforced staff absence and the costs of closure of the organisation and its activities and repayment of outstanding debt liabilities. This is based on three months' running down time, including redundancies, any contract obligations and skeleton staffing.

#### **Designated reserve - £150,000**

A designated reserve was increased to £150,000 in 2024/25 to ensure sufficient resources were available for major capital repairs and maintenance required for the heating system at Easton Community Centre which was not completed at time of writing the accounts.

#### **Cash flow reserve - £120,000**

To cover funding shortfalls or interruption to normal operating activities. These funds will provide Eastside Community Trust with a level of stability whilst the longer-term impact of the pandemic is still to be assessed and the development of the business model post merger.

The total target for unrestricted funds is therefore £470,000. At 31 March 2025 the charity held unrestricted general funds of £574,865, The additional £100,000 will be utilised towards the 25/26 budget if the charity does not secure the budgeted £100,000 grants.

#### **Plans for the future**

A number of long term funds end in 2025/26 and staff delivering these projects are on permanent contracts. As yet no follow on funding for these projects has been secured as the organisation was waiting on the results of an independent evaluation to develop its strategic delivery plan for 2025-28. Fundraising efforts will follow our strategic ambitions and local need but there may need to be a period where salaries are covered by reserves to honour our contractual obligations to employees.

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##### Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

##### Auditors

Godfrey Wilson Limited were re-appointed as auditors to the charitable company during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 29 August 2025 and signed on their behalf by

*R Wakefield*

R Wakefield - Chair of Trustees

## **Independent auditors' report**

### **To the members of**

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#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Eastside Community Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 9 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- The information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- The directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

#### **Responsibilities of the trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out in the trustees' report, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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#### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The procedures we carried out and the extent to which they are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, are detailed below:

(1) We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, and assessed the risk of non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Throughout the audit, we remained alert to possible indications of non-compliance.

(2) We reviewed the charity's policies and procedures in relation to:

- Identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations, and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- Detecting and responding to the risk of fraud, and whether they were aware of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
- Designing and implementing internal controls to mitigate the risk of non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud.

(3) We inspected the minutes of trustee meetings.

(4) We enquired about any non-routine communication with regulators and reviewed any reports made to them.

(5) We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and assessed their compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

(6) We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected transactions or balances that may indicate a risk of material fraud or error.

(7) We assessed the risk of fraud through management override of controls and carried out procedures to address this risk. Our procedures included:

- Testing the appropriateness of journal entries;
- Assessing judgements and accounting estimates for potential bias;
- Reviewing related party transactions; and
- Testing transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. Irregularities that arise due to fraud can be even harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.



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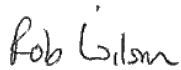
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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Date: 29 August 2025

**Robert Wilson FCA**  
**(Senior Statutory Auditor)**

For and on behalf of:

**GODFREY WILSON LIMITED**

Chartered accountants and statutory auditors  
5th Floor Mariner House  
62 Prince Street  
Bristol  
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# Eastside Community Trust

## Statement of financial activities *(incorporating an income and expenditure account)*

**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations	3	6,000	67,832	<b>73,832</b>	57,771
Charitable activities	4	555,518	323,795	<b>879,313</b>	939,163
Other trading activities	5	-	13,735	<b>13,735</b>	9,146
Investments		-	20,771	<b>20,771</b>	13,884
<b>Total income</b>		<u>561,518</u>	<u>426,133</u>	<u><b>987,651</b></u>	<u>1,019,964</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds		-	35,999	<b>35,999</b>	34,493
Charitable activities		<u>590,249</u>	<u>449,694</u>	<u><b>1,039,943</b></u>	<u>885,150</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	7	<u>590,249</u>	<u>485,693</u>	<u><b>1,075,942</b></u>	<u>919,643</u>
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>		(28,731)	(59,560)	<b>(88,291)</b>	100,321
Extraordinary item	18	-	117,263	<b>117,263</b>	-
Transfers between funds		<u>(50,189)</u>	<u>50,189</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	9	(78,920)	107,892	<b>28,972</b>	100,321
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>191,739</u>	<u>1,056,444</u>	<u><b>1,248,183</b></u>	<u>1,147,862</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u><u>112,819</u></u>	<u><u>1,164,336</u></u>	<u><u><b>1,277,155</b></u></u>	<u><u>1,248,183</u></u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 16 to the accounts.

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### Balance sheet

As at 31 March 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Tangible assets	12		<b>583,274</b>	589,575
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	13	<b>43,493</b>		43,047
Current asset investments		<b>497,999</b>		389,767
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>208,039</b>		281,873
			<b>749,531</b>	714,687
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	14	<b>(55,650)</b>		(56,079)
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>693,881</b>	658,608
<b>Net assets</b>	15		<b>1,277,155</b>	1,248,183
<b>Funds</b>	16			
Restricted funds			<b>112,819</b>	191,739
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds			<b>589,471</b>	594,986
General funds			<b>574,865</b>	461,458
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<b>1,277,155</b>	1,248,183

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the trustees on 29 August 2025 and signed on their behalf by

*R Wakefield*

Rosanna Wakefield

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## Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Cash used in operating activities:</b>		
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>28,972</b>	100,321
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	<b>56,489</b>	52,960
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	<b>(19,081)</b>	(13,884)
Increase in debtors	<b>(446)</b>	(4,885)
Decrease in creditors < 1 year	<b>(429)</b>	(9,578)
Decrease in creditors > 1 year	<b>-</b>	(40,935)
<b>Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>65,505</b>	83,999
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	<b>19,081</b>	13,884
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	<b>(50,188)</b>	(57,045)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(31,107)</b>	(43,161)
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>	<b>34,398</b>	40,838
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<b>671,640</b>	630,802
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>706,038</b>	671,640
 Cash and cash equivalents comprise:		
Current asset investments	<b>497,999</b>	389,767
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>208,039</b>	281,873
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>706,038</b>	671,640

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long term financing arrangements.

## **Eastside Community Trust**

### **Notes to the financial statements**

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#### **1. Accounting policies**

##### **a) Basis of preparation and general information**

Eastside Community Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. The registered office address is Easton Community Centre, Kilburn Street, Bristol, BS5 6AW.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Eastside Community Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

##### **b) Going concern basis of accounting**

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **c) Income**

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of provision of a specified service is deferred until criteria for income recognition are met.

##### **d) Donated services and facilities**

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

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#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

##### e) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity: this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

##### f) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

##### g) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

##### h) Grants payable

Grants which have been authorised and paid are included as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities. Grants which have been authorised but not yet paid are accrued in the balance sheet and are included within creditors falling due within one year or after one year (as appropriate).

##### i) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on the following basis:

	2025	2024
Raising funds	3.3%	3.8%
Charitable activities	96.7%	96.2%

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#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

##### j) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Leasehold	40 years straight line
Nursery	20 years straight line
Playground	5 years straight line
Community Centre	20 years straight line

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £2,500.

##### k) Current asset investments

Current asset investments consist of cash held on deposit in interest bearing accounts. Such investments are measured at their fair value.

##### l) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

##### m) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

##### n) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

##### o) Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### p) Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

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#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

##### q) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key source of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is depreciation as described in note 1j above.

#### 2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations	-	57,771	<b>57,771</b>
Charitable activities	686,962	252,201	<b>939,163</b>
Other trading activities	-	9,146	<b>9,146</b>
Investments	-	13,884	<b>13,884</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>686,962</b>	<b>333,002</b>	<b>1,019,964</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds	-	34,493	<b>34,493</b>
Charitable activities	608,412	276,738	<b>885,150</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>608,412</b>	<b>311,231</b>	<b>919,643</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>78,550</b>	<b>21,771</b>	<b>100,321</b>
Transfers between funds	(57,045)	57,045	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>21,505</b>	<b>78,816</b>	<b>100,321</b>



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#### 3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
General donations	-	27,132	27,132	8,636
Grants	6,000	30,700	36,700	49,135
Gift in kind	-	10,000	10,000	-
<b>Total income from donations and legacies</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>67,832</b>	<b>73,832</b>	<b>57,771</b>

In the prior year, all income from donations and legacies was unrestricted.

#### 4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Café and food sales	-	8,420	8,420
Printing and other admin	-	3,083	3,083
Rental and lease income	-	178,733	178,733
Service charge income	-	8,326	8,326
Short term hire income	-	84,583	84,583
Grant / project income	555,518	40,650	596,168
<b>Total income from charitable activities</b>	<b>555,518</b>	<b>323,795</b>	<b>879,313</b>

#### Prior period comparative:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Café and food sales	-	11,332	11,332
Printing and other admin	-	2,488	2,488
Rental and lease income	-	165,750	165,750
Service charge income	-	4,497	4,497
Short term hire income	-	68,134	68,134
Grant / project income	686,962	-	686,962
<b>Total income from charitable activities</b>	<b>686,962</b>	<b>252,201</b>	<b>939,163</b>

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#### 5. Income from other trading activities

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	<b>Total</b>	Total
	<b>£</b>	£
Advertising	<b>2,310</b>	2,395
Advertising subscriptions	<b>1,100</b>	380
Consulting income	<b>10,325</b>	6,371
<b>Total income from other trading activities</b>	<b>13,735</b>	9,146

In the current and prior year, income from other trading activities was unrestricted.

#### 6. Government grants

The charitable company receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council, Department for Media and Culture, National Lottery Community Fund and Sport England to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 March 2025 was £452,032 (2024: £491,864). There are no unfulfilled conditions of contingencies attaching to these grants in the current or prior year.

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### 7. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2025 Total £
Staff costs (note 10)	21,358	447,942	19,908	489,208
Other employment costs	-	-	10,227	10,227
Accountancy	-	-	19,424	19,424
Bank charges	-	-	2,720	2,720
Rent	-	-	2,228	2,228
Repairs and maintenance	-	48,677	46,252	94,929
Insurance	-	-	14,874	14,874
Computer expenses	-	-	5,196	5,196
Subscriptions	-	-	6,713	6,713
Telephone and internet	-	-	5,697	5,697
Utilities	-	-	28,097	28,097
Magazine	-	10,413	-	10,413
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	6,493	6,493
Professional and legal	-	-	950	950
Consultants and contract staff	8,400	48,028	6,320	62,748
Café and food expenditure	-	17,097	-	17,097
Playground expenditure	-	6,703	-	6,703
Project expenses	-	158,690	-	158,690
Grants (note 8)	-	77,046	-	77,046
Depreciation	-	45,051	11,438	56,489
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>29,758</b>	<b>859,647</b>	<b>186,537</b>	<b>1,075,942</b>
Allocation of support and governance costs	6,241	180,296	(186,537)	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>35,999</b>	<b>1,039,943</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,075,942</b>

Total governance costs were £8,400 (2024: £8,000).

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**7. Total expenditure (continued)**

**Prior period comparative**

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2024 Total £
Staff costs (note 10)	20,669	399,123	11,273	431,065
Other employment costs	-	-	8,614	8,614
Accountancy	-	-	15,850	15,850
Bank charges	-	-	2,939	2,939
Rates	-	-	2,286	2,286
Repairs and maintenance	-	35,722	35,966	71,688
Insurance	-	-	12,693	12,693
Computer expenses	-	-	4,471	4,471
Subscriptions	-	-	4,992	4,992
Telephone and internet	-	-	6,469	6,469
Utilities	-	-	28,068	28,068
Magazine	-	12,437	-	12,437
Printing, postage and stationery	-	-	3,247	3,247
Professional and legal	-	-	673	673
Consultants and contract staff	7,550	11,846	10,535	29,931
Café and food expenditure	-	11,699	-	11,699
Playground expenditure	-	6,711	-	6,711
Project expenses	-	122,759	-	122,759
Grants (note 8)	-	77,892	-	77,892
Interest paid	-	-	2,800	2,800
Depreciation	-	45,964	6,996	52,960
Bad debts	-	-	9,399	9,399
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>28,219</b>	<b>724,153</b>	<b>167,271</b>	<b>919,643</b>
Allocation of support and governance costs	6,274	160,997	(167,271)	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>34,493</b>	<b>885,150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>919,643</b>

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##### 8. Grants payable

During the year, 19 (2024: 19) grants were awarded to 3 (2024: 4) institutions and 16 (2024: 17) individuals or un-constituted groups with no employees for payments to project partners and small grants towards community events:

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Project partners</b>		
Somali Kitchen	37,500	37,500
Trinity Community Arts Ltd	13,000	17,075
Bristol Somali Resource Centre	18,546	12,500
Chaplin Community Garden	-	2,717
	<u>69,046</u>	<u>69,792</u>
<b>Community events</b>		
16 (2024: 17) Grants < £1,000	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,100</u>
	<u><u>77,046</u></u>	<u><u>77,892</u></u>

##### 9. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation	56,489	52,960
Trustees' remuneration	1,200	1,890
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	53	Nil
Auditors' remuneration:		
▪ Statutory audit (excluding VAT)	8,400	8,000
▪ Other services (excluding VAT)	<u>2,496</u>	<u>2,166</u>

Trustees remuneration comprised £1,200 (2024: £1,890) in payments to Azmina Mitha for services provided during the year (see note 19).

One trustee was reimbursed for travel and subsistence during the year.

In common with other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements. Our auditors have also provided payroll services to the charity during the year.

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##### 10. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages	442,076	389,638
Social security costs	26,194	23,354
Pension costs	20,938	18,073
	<u>489,208</u>	<u>431,065</u>

Included within salaries and wages were statutory redundancy payments of £1,786 (2024: £nil).

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the Trustees, Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Communications Manager, Centre Manager and Adventure Play Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £184,308 (2024: £82,674).

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Average head count	<u>35</u>	<u>30</u>

##### 11. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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### 12. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold £	Nursery £	Playground £	Community Centre £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 April 2024	279,057	306,789	113,681	131,315	<b>830,842</b>
Additions in year	-	-	-	50,188	<b>50,188</b>
At 31 March 2025	<u>279,057</u>	<u>306,789</u>	<u>113,681</u>	<u>181,503</u>	<b>881,030</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 April 2024	111,688	40,312	49,443	39,824	<b>241,267</b>
Charge for the year	<u>6,976</u>	<u>15,339</u>	<u>22,736</u>	<u>11,438</u>	<b>56,489</b>
At 31 March 2025	<u>118,664</u>	<u>55,651</u>	<u>72,179</u>	<u>51,262</u>	<b>297,756</b>
<b>Net book value</b>					
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<u><b>160,393</b></u>	<u><b>251,138</b></u>	<u><b>41,502</b></u>	<u><b>130,241</b></u>	<b>583,274</b>
At 31 March 2024	<u>167,369</u>	<u>266,477</u>	<u>64,238</u>	<u>91,491</u>	<u>589,575</u>

### 13. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	<b>23,433</b>	14,970
Other debtors	<u><b>20,060</b></u>	<u>28,077</u>
	<u><b>43,493</b></u>	<u>43,047</u>

### 14. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	<b>26,050</b>	10,137
Accruals	<b>19,345</b>	8,000
Other creditors	<b>1,689</b>	974
Pension control account	<b>2,366</b>	459
VAT control account	<b>3,000</b>	2,892
Rent deposits	<b>3,200</b>	3,200
Loan - Zoe Sheriff	-	20,000
Co-op Foundation Loan	-	<u>10,417</u>
	<u><b>55,650</b></u>	<u>56,079</u>

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**15. Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	583,274	-	<b>583,274</b>
Current assets	112,819	6,197	630,515	<b>749,531</b>
Current liabilities	-	-	(55,650)	<b>(55,650)</b>
<b>Net assets at 31 March 2025</b>	<b><u>112,819</u></b>	<b><u>589,471</u></b>	<b><u>574,865</u></b>	<b><u>1,277,155</u></b>
<b>Prior period comparative</b>				
	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	589,575	-	589,575
Current assets	198,379	5,993	510,315	714,687
Current liabilities	(6,640)	(582)	(48,857)	(56,079)
<b>Net assets at 31 March 2024</b>	<b><u>191,739</u></b>	<b><u>594,986</u></b>	<b><u>461,458</u></b>	<b><u>1,248,183</u></b>



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### 16. Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income* £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2025 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Abri	643	-	(643)	-	-
BCC Council Asset Management	-	21,290	(14,079)	-	<b>7,211</b>
BCC Stapleton Road	23,028	1,720	(17,848)	-	<b>6,900</b>
Bloy Street CIL	6,129	-	(6,129)	-	-
BrisDoc 2024	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-
Bristol City Council - Impact Fund 2	24,591	105,000	(124,479)	-	<b>5,112</b>
Bristol City Leap	-	3,000	(10,000)	-	<b>(7,000)</b>
Climate Action Fund 2	73,307	64,886	(103,709)	-	<b>34,484</b>
Colcannon donations	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Community Matters	529	-	(529)	-	-
Community Spaces	1,469	600	(1,469)	-	<b>600</b>
ECC CIL 2024	(17,064)	72,000	(3,279)	(50,189)	<b>1,468</b>
Everyday Integration 2023	868	-	(868)	-	-
Everyday Integration 2024	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Feeding Bristol - Household Support Fund	-	31,058	(31,058)	-	-
Feeding Bristol 2025 Lottery Community Fund	19,011	-	(19,011)	-	-
Lottery Cost of Living Grant	2,449	-	(2,449)	-	-
Lottery Million Hours	-	22,500	(17,134)	-	<b>5,366</b>
Megawatt 2024	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Nisbets	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Nisbets 2	-	17,250	(10,697)	-	<b>6,553</b>
Owen Square Community Safety Project	7,639	-	(6,465)	-	<b>1,174</b>
Quartet Endowment Fund	4,568	12,376	(14,464)	-	<b>2,480</b>
Quartet Mental Health & Wellbeing	8,748	-	(8,748)	-	-
Carried forward	<u>158,415</u>	<u>369,980</u>	<u>(412,836)</u>	<u>(50,189)</u>	<u><b>65,370</b></u>

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**16. Movements in funds (continued)**

**Restricted funds (continued)**

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income* £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2025 £
Brought forward	158,415	369,980	(412,836)	(50,189)	<b>65,370</b>
Quartet Resilience Fund	1,915	-	(1,915)	-	-
Rufus Pomeroy	-	5,100	(2,078)	-	<b>3,022</b>
Shaping Places	5,270	-	(5,270)	-	-
Sport England 2023	1,494	-	(1,494)	-	-
Sport England 2025	-	12,100	-	-	<b>12,100</b>
St Stephen & St James Trust	-	5,000	-	-	<b>5,000</b>
Thresholds 2025	-	5,000	-	-	<b>5,000</b>
Transforming Energy Together	-	30,000	(21,314)	-	<b>8,686</b>
Tudor Trust 2022	3,734	-	(3,734)	-	-
UK SPF Community Hub	-	37,092	(37,092)	-	-
Wing Chun	3,262	3,449	(4,480)	-	<b>2,231</b>
YHH Capital Grant	-	650	(650)	-	-
YHH Spring 2024	9,107	3,216	(12,323)	-	-
YHH Spring 2025	-	10,962	(753)	-	<b>10,209</b>
YHH Summer 2024	-	32,395	(32,395)	-	-
Youth And Play Services	6,354	42,900	(48,053)	-	<b>1,201</b>
Youth Investment Fund	2,188	3,674	(5,862)	-	-
<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>191,739</b>	<b>561,518</b>	<b>(590,249)</b>	<b>(50,189)</b>	<b>112,819</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
Capital fund	589,575	-	(56,490)	50,189	<b>583,274</b>
Avonvale Road	5,411	4,500	(3,714)	-	<b>6,197</b>
<i>Total designated funds</i>	<b>594,986</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>(60,204)</b>	<b>50,189</b>	<b>589,471</b>
General funds	461,458	538,896	(425,489)	-	<b>574,865</b>
<b>Total unrestricted</b>	<b>1,056,444</b>	<b>543,396</b>	<b>(485,693)</b>	<b>50,189</b>	<b>1,164,336</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1,248,183</b>	<b>1,104,914</b>	<b>(1,075,942)</b>		<b>1,277,155</b>

\*Income in the year include extraordinary items as per the statement of financial activities.

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#### **16. Movements in funds (continued)**

##### **Purposes of restricted funds**

Abri - Donation towards a winter coat swap.

BCC Council Asset Management – Support for consultancy and expert advice for developing our capital assets.

BCC Stapleton Road - Project to bring arts and culture to regenerate the high street with mural artists and events.

Bloy Street CIL - Funds for resident led project to improve Bloy Street.

BrisDoc 2024 - Funds for resident led trips for vulnerable young people.

Bristol City Council Impact Fund 2 - Four year partnership project focused on place making, events and civic participation.

Bristol City Leap – Consultancy support for fixing the heating system at the community centre.

Climate Action Fund 2 - A community climate action project focused on resident led actions on climate.

Colcannon donations - for use towards running Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Community Matters - Energy efficiency measures at Easton Community Centre.

Community Spaces - Councillor led meetings bringing local people together.

ECC CIL 2024 - Capital fund for new lift installation at Easton Community Centre.

Everyday Integration 2023 - Participation in research project looking at practical application of Everyday Integration Framework.

Everyday Integration 2024 - Participation in research project looking at practical application of Everyday Integration Framework.

Feeding Bristol - Household Support Fund - Provision of funded meals for children at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Feeding Bristol 2025 - Provision of funded meals for children at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Lottery Community Fund – Playworkers and play activity at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Lottery Cost of Living Grant – Crisis support for local people facing challenges with cost of living.

Lottery Million Hours – Youth sessions.

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#### **16. Movements in funds (continued)**

##### **Purposes of restricted funds (continued)**

Megawatt 2024 - Energy efficiency measures at Easton Community Centre.

Nisbets - Provision of funded meals for children at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Nisbets 2 – Support for development of a café at Easton Community Centre.

Owen Square Community Safety Project - Physical improvements around Easton Community Centre in partnership with local parks group.

Quartet Endowment Fund - Small grants for local people to run community events.

Quartet Mental Health & Wellbeing - Support for referrals to mental health and wellbeing services from Easton Community Centre.

Quartet Resilience Fund - Support for training and development for staff team.

Rufus Pomeroy – Donation towards a new play structure at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Shaping Places – Healthy eating and cooking project at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Sport England 2023 - Sports coaching and sports play at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Sport England 2025 – Physical play at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

St Stephen & St James Trust - for use towards running Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Thresholds 2025 - Donation towards a new play structure at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Transforming Energy Together – Community energy investment project.

Tudor Trust 2022 - Core salary support for CEO.

UK Shared Prosperity Community Hub (UKSPF Community Fund) - Partnership with Somali Resource Centre to increase connections, providing free hire voucher scheme at Easton Community Centre.

Wing Chun - Funds held on behalf of community group.

YHH Capital Grant – Equipment at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

YHH Spring 2024 - Food, activities and play during school holidays at Felix Road Adventure Playground funded by Department of Education Your Holiday Hub (Holiday Activity Fund).

YHH Spring 2025 - Food, activities and play during school holidays at Felix Road Adventure Playground funded by Department of Education Your Holiday Hub (Holiday Activity Fund).

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#### 16. Movements in funds (continued)

##### Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

YHH Summer 2024 - Food, activities and play during school holidays at Felix Road Adventure Playground funded by Department of Education Your Holiday Hub (Holiday Activity Fund).

Youth And Play Services – Bristol City Council funding for play sessions at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Youth Investment Fund – Capital equipment and upgrades to building at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

##### Purposes of designated funds

###### Capital fund

Capital funds represents (i) the leasehold property and improvements which are designated on the basis that the underlying assets could not be sold by the charity; (ii) the nursery which may have a mortgage value but is built on our leasehold land. They have a value in use for the charity but no re-sale value.

###### Avonvale Road

This money represents rent deposits paid by tenants and annual service charge contributions by tenants to a sinking fund ring fenced for maintenance and repairs for the retail units service yard and costs associated with landlord regulatory compliance checks.

##### Transfers between funds

Transfer between funds for restricted funds relate to capital additions in which the restriction ceases on purchase of the asset.

##### Fund in deficit

The Bristol City Leap funding was fully spent in the year, with the remaining income claimed in arrears in 2025/26.

##### Prior period comparative

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2024 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Abri	-	3,500	(2,857)	-	643
BCC Parks	2,217	500	(2,717)	-	-
BCC Stapleton Road	20,184	52,000	(49,156)	-	23,028
Bloy Street CIL	-	17,000	(10,871)	-	6,129
BrisDoc 2024	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
Bristol City Council - Impact Fund 2	13,969	126,000	(115,378)	-	24,591
BYCA 2023	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Celebrating Age	-	300	(300)	-	-
Carried forward	36,370	204,800	(184,279)	-	56,891

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### 16. Movements in funds (continued)

#### Prior period comparative (continued)

#### Restricted funds (continued)

Brought forward	36,370	204,800	(184,279)	-	56,891
Climate Action Fund 2	36,476	95,837	(59,006)	-	73,307
Community Matters	-	8,000	-	(7,471)	529
Community Spaces	1,469	-	-	-	1,469
ECC CIL 2024	-	-	-	(17,064)	(17,064)
Enovert 2	(20,188)	38,941	(953)	(17,800)	-
Everyday Integration 2023	-	6,000	(5,132)	-	868
Feeding Bristol (Local Food Fund)	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-
Feeding Bristol 2	9,250	-	(9,250)	-	-
Feeding Bristol 2023	-	21,190	(21,190)	-	-
Funding The Future 2	900	-	(900)	-	-
Garfield Weston 2	10,089	-	(10,089)	-	-
Groundworks	638	-	(638)	-	-
John James	2,188	-	(2,188)	-	-
Lottery Community Fund	-	19,981	(970)	-	19,011
Lottery Cost of Living Grant	-	28,007	(25,558)	-	2,449
Megawatt Community Energy Grant	-	3,960	-	(3,960)	-
Nisbets 2023	-	10,500	(10,500)	-	-
Owen Square	18,800	-	(11,161)	-	7,639
Pantheon	1,799	-	(1,799)	-	-
PCC	2,239	-	(2,239)	-	-
Power To Change Powering Up	585	-	(585)	-	-
Quartet Endowment Fund	6,695	11,765	(13,892)	-	4,568
Quartet High Sheriff	-	300	(300)	-	-
Quartet Mental Health & Wellbeing	-	10,000	(1,252)	-	8,748
Quartet One City	2,754	-	(2,754)	-	-
Quartet Resilience Fund	-	9,100	(7,185)	-	1,915
Quartet Warm Hubs	2,596	-	(2,596)	-	-
Quartet Warm Hubs	700	-	(700)	-	-
Quartet Youth Sector Support 2	2,000	4,800	(6,800)	-	-
Schroders	3,900	-	(3,900)	-	-
Shaping Places	-	5,270	-	-	5,270
Society of Merchant	3,620	-	(3,620)	-	-
Sport England 2023	-	4,650	(3,156)	-	1,494
Carried forward	125,380	483,101	(395,092)	(46,295)	167,094

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### 16. Movements in funds (continued)

#### Prior period comparative (continued)

#### Restricted funds (continued)

Brought forward	125,380	483,101	(395,092)	(46,295)	167,094
St Monica Trust	(852)	19,916	(19,064)	-	-
St Monica Trust - Coronation Fund	-	380	(380)	-	-
Thresholds 2023	15,922	-	(15,922)	-	-
Tom Allport at UoB	-	4,985	(4,985)	-	-
TravelWest	6,192	-	(6,192)	-	-
Tudor Trust 2022	5,584	33,000	(34,850)	-	3,734
UK Shared Prosperity	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	-
Voscur	4,000	-	(4,000)	-	-
Welcome Places (PPE Grant)	4,008	-	(4,008)	-	-
Wesport Together 2023	-	836	(836)	-	-
Wing Chun	1,827	2,555	(1,120)	-	3,262
Winter Fuel Fund	650	2,570	(3,220)	-	-
YHH Easter	7,523	2,280	(9,803)	-	-
YHH Spring 2024	-	10,365	(1,258)	-	9,107
YHH Summer 2023	-	58,800	(58,800)	-	-
YHH Winter 2023	-	1,875	(1,875)	-	-
Youth And Play Services	-	21,450	(15,096)	-	6,354
Youth Investment Fund	-	19,849	(6,911)	(10,750)	2,188
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>170,234</u>	<u>686,962</u>	<u>(608,412)</u>	<u>(57,045)</u>	<u>191,739</u>

#### Unrestricted funds

#### Designated funds:

Capital fund	572,112	-	(52,960)	70,423	589,575
Avonvale Road Maintenance	<u>6,609</u>	<u>3,850</u>	<u>(5,048)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,411</u>
<b>Total designated funds</b>	<u>578,721</u>	<u>3,850</u>	<u>(58,008)</u>	<u>70,423</u>	<u>594,986</u>

General funds	<u>398,907</u>	<u>329,152</u>	<u>(253,223)</u>	<u>(13,378)</u>	<u>461,458</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>977,628</u>	<u>333,002</u>	<u>(311,231)</u>	<u>57,045</u>	<u>1,056,444</u>

<b>Total funds</b>	<u><u>1,147,862</u></u>	<u><u>1,019,964</u></u>	<u><u>(919,643)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,248,183</u></u>
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##### 16. Operating lease commitments

The charity had operating leases as lessor at the year end with total future minimum lease

	2025 £	2024 £
Amount falling due:		
Within 1 year	276,323	168,049
Within 1 - 5 years	653,772	656,047
In more than 5 years	858,664	973,723
	<u>1,788,759</u>	<u>1,797,819</u>

##### 17. Operating lease commitments

The charity had operating leases as lessee at the year end with total future minimum lease

	2025 £	2024 £
Amount falling due:		
Within 1 year	3,446	625
Within 1 - 5 years	8,665	729
	<u>12,111</u>	<u>1,354</u>

##### 18. Extraordinary item

During the year, following completion of court proceedings, the charity received a material sum of extraordinary income relating to the return of funds previously taken from the charity fraudulently.

	2025 £	2024 £
Extraordinary income	<u>117,263</u>	<u>-</u>

##### 19. Related party transactions

Zoe Sherriff, trustee and director provided a loan of £40,000 to fund the development of the nursery at Felix Road. Zoe will receive interest of 2% on the loan in accordance with our constitution. During the year, £20,000 (2024: £16,000) was repaid. As at the 31 March 2025, £nil (2024: £20,000) was outstanding.

Azmina Mitha, a trustee, was paid £1,200 (2024: £1,890) for Bollywood Workshops at Easton Community Centre. As at the 31 March 2025, £nil (2024: £330) was outstanding and included within trade creditors. These payments were unconnected to their role as a trustee and were permitted under the charity's constitution. The transactions were conducted at arms length.



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##### 19. Related party transactions (continued)

The charity received funds from BrisDoc for resident led trips for vulnerable young people. Azmina Mitha, a trustee, was paid £1,085 (2024: £1,000) to run the trips. These payments were unconnected to their role as a trustee and were permitted under the charity's constitution. The transactions were conducted at arms length.

Emmanuel Maunganidze, a trustee, is also a director of Threefold Theatre CIC. During the year the charity made sales of £3,492 (2024: £nil) to Threefold Theatre CIC for room hire. At the year end Threefold Theatre CIC owed the charity £184 (2024: £nil), which is included in trade

Emmanuel Maunganidze, a trustee, is also a director of Bristol Climate and Nature Partnership CIC. During the year the charity made payments of £2,100 (2024: £nil) to Bristol Climate and Nature Partnership CIC as a part of the community climate action lottery project for which both organisations are partners. There were no amounts outstanding at the year end.

Emmanuel Maunganidze, a trustee, is also a landlord of The Pickle Factory. During the year the charity made purchases of £8,112 (2024: £nil) and were refunded £2,185 from The Pickle Factory for room hire. There were no amounts outstanding at the year end.

Noelle Rumball is sole Director of Rumball Associates Limited. During the year, the charity received £50 (2024: £50) from Rumball Associates Limited for an annual postal service at Easton Community Centre. There were no amounts outstanding at the year end.

Jessica Slack, a trustee, is also a trustee of Bristol Cabot Choir. During the year, Bristol Cabot Choir paid the charity £50 (2024: £50) for an annual postal service at Easton Community Centre. There were no amounts outstanding at the year end.

Rebecca Whitmore, communications manager, is also a director of Bristol Community FM Ltd. During the year, Bristol Community FM Ltd paid the charity £6,740 (2024: £nil) for room hire at Easton Community Centre. There was £1,130 outstanding at year end (2024: £nil) which is included in trade debtors.